Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 24. (Cancelled).

25. (New) A method for the generation of cracks on a coated polymer substrate, comprising:

a) supplying a multilayer article comprising a polymer substrate, a brittle layer adjacent said polymer substrate, and a coating layer adjacent said brittle layer on a side of said brittle layer remote from said polymer substrate;

b) exerting a strain on said multilayer article such that cracks develop in said brittle layer, exposing surfaces in said cracks having no coating layer thereon.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said step of exerting a strain comprises unidirectionally stretching said multilayer article.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said step of exerting a strain comprises bending said multilayer article.

28. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said step of exerting a strain comprises stretching said multilayer article in at least two directions.

29. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said polymer substrate comprises a polyorganosiloxane elastomer and said brittle layer comprises an oxidized polyorganosiloxane.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said coating layer comprises a hydrophobic coating.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said coating layer comprises a first, hydrophobic coating, and a second coating on said first coating, said second coating comprising a substance which prevents attachment of biological organisms.

32. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising coating said exposed surfaces with a crack coating which has different surface characteristics than said coating layer.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein said crack coating comprises at least one protein.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said oxidized polyorganosiloane layer is formed by oxidizing a surface of said polyorganosiloxane substrate.

35. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said step of exerting a strain comprises stretching said multilayer article in at least two directions sequentially.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein following stretching in one direction, a crack coating is applied to cracks generated, prior to stretching in another direction.

37. (New) The method of claim 25, where said coating layer is a surfactant layer.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein said surfactant is a non-ioinic polyether surfactant.